



## Superintendent Weekly Note #28

Each week I will highlight some of our opening day themes:

**#4—Your team doesn't care if you are a superstar. They care if you are a super team member.**

**RIS Mission:** *Our mission is to inspire and empower all students to reach their maximum potential: one student, one lesson, one day at a time.*

### **Things I CAN Control...**

1. My **ATTITUDE**
2. My **EFFORT**
3. My **BEHAVIOR**
4. My **ACTIONS** to be a Great Team Member

*Continue to focus on the RIS four core beliefs:  
It's about Kids! —Accountability—Transparency—Communication.*

☺ *Positives across the district.....*

### **Russell Primary School** (From the desk of Mr. Cassity)

- RPS has gone mad for reading! Students love the March Madness Reading challenges from Ms. Gullett!!
- Just a couple of weeks after raising over \$12k for JRFH, our primary students are at it again. Collaborating with a couple of high school students from RHS, we are now collecting coins for the March of Dimes. Last year, RPS was 3rd in the Tri-state in raising money for this wonderful cause!!
- Ms. Hicks' Class had a special visitor last week. See if you can spot him in our pictures!!



### Russell-McDowell Intermediate (From the desk of Mrs. Wright)

- Even though our attendance is not quite back to normal, we have seen a reduction in the number of flu cases and our kiddos are getting back to school!
- Fourth and Fifth graders had their monthly conservation lesson with Miss Jessie!
- District Math teachers had an informative and helpful vertical meeting at Central Office on Tuesday!
- Everyone enjoyed a snow day on Friday! This was our first (and hopefully only) significant snowfall and we are glad our students had the opportunity to enjoy! Come on Spring!

### Russell Middle School (From the desk of Mr. Moore)

- RMS Students learned it *Pays to Read*. Students had the opportunity to win cash prizes daily.
- RMS 7<sup>th</sup> Grader Shaelyn Steele selected for the All-Tournament Regional Basketball Team.
- Casey Malone was awarded a grant from Greenup County Green Foundation. Casey's project will provide live video from inside several birdhouses.
- Arnav Dharmagadda will be competing in the National Geographic State Geography Bee.
- RMS KUNA had a successful weekend at the **KUNA** conference! Our students did an amazing job, and many adults commented on their positive behavior and their professional speaking abilities throughout the conference.
  - Harper Grizzle was selected to be a summit president (huge deal!)
  - Arnav Dharmagadda was selected as an outstanding ambassador
  - Arnav and Jordan Castle's resolution (Solving all current and future economic and humanitarian crises in the world) was passed in summits and was resolved by the Secretary General!

- Our entire group was recognized as a premiere delegation.

### **Russell High School** (From the desk of Mrs. Chaffin)

- Latin Club participated in many categories at their state convention and had several place in state top five. \*\*Really proud of their performance.
- Girls' basketball team finished their season as Regional Runners-up. Kaeli Ross, Lakie Sanders, and Shaelyn Steele were named to the All-Regional Tournament team.
- Dance Team participated in four categories at Nationals and placed in all!
- Academic team is gearing up for a defense of their State title in Louisville this weekend.
- RHS delegates will attend KUNA Monday and Tuesday.
- All Juniors will be taking the ACT on Tuesday.

### **Russell Area Technology Center** (From the desk of Mrs. S. Thompson)

- Our Russell Maintenance Team, Mr. Dave Craft, and our own Mr. Roy Craft have been truly amazing this week at the RATC! They have conquered our roof leaks, installed lights, run wire, and restored heat to our classrooms! We could not be more blessed by their service and commitment to maintaining an excellent learning environment for our students! Thank you for all you do to keep our district functional and wonderful!
- Mr. Fields and our Electricity students, Sean Smith, Cameron Jenkins, Caleb Howard, & Jimmy Gartin (from Raceland) created a metal frame to support the Angels Falls project for the RMS STLP Student Competition! We are so proud of Mr. Fields and our students, who are developing great skills! Thank Mr. Fields and students for your investment!
- Our SkillsUSA students competed at Regionals and brought home 7 awards!!! Our 1<sup>st</sup> place winners were: Payton Parsons, Quinten Clark, Chelsi Fraley, & Sean Smith!!! Our 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner was Eryn "E.B." Parsons!!! Our 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner was Payton Parsons!!! So very proud of our students!!! Thank you, Mr. Parsons, for organizing and leading our SkillsUSA student organization!
- Russell ATC FBLA placed in 19 events at regionals! Our 1st Place Winners: Chelsi Fraley, Ashley Thomas, Briana Leggett, Izzy McCloud, Emilee Hall, Jackson Doak, Nathan Conley, Reed Galloway, Sarah Abul-Khoudoud, Krissy Hall, Olivia Martin, Madison Brady, Josh Griffith,  
Our 2nd Place Winners: Trey Belcher, Sean Smith, John Miller, Joe Ewing, Hannah Greenhill, Grace Osborn, Mia Ferguson, Daniel Blanton, Ainsley Bender, Aaron Martin, Renae Keeton, Meredyth Wilson, Grace Parsons!!! Our 3rd Place Winner: Emily O'Dell. As always they represented Russell well! Excellent behavior and dressed for success! We are SO proud of them! Thank you, Mrs. Phipps & Mrs. Wilburn, for organizing and leading our FBLA student organization!
- Our MNA/Pre-Nursing students completed their third round of Clinicals this week at Oakmont! So proud of our students and Ms. Layne! Way to go!

**Russell Preschool** (From the desk of Mrs. Staton)

- Swaydon, in Mrs. Boyer's class can count to 100! Way to Go Swaydon!!
- **Mrs. Grizzle**  
This week we celebrated reading all week in honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday!! We have LOTS of new materials out in in the art, dramatic play, block, Science, math, literacy, & library centers of our classroom & really enjoyed them this week during center time!!
- **Mrs. Delong**  
We have been celebrating Dr. Seuss this week! We have read many Dr. Seuss books and done fun activities with each one. We have made Thing 1 and Thing 2 out of shapes, worked on our patterning skills while making hats, made green eggs and ham and tried them with Mrs. Stephens class, had fun taking pictures at the photo booth and much more!
- **Mrs. Moore**  
We have been celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday this week! We have read Dr. Seuss books, worn our crazy socks, and tasted green eggs and ham!

***What's happening at central office / district this week?***

- **March Board of Education Meeting**—Monday, March 25, 2019 at 6:00 PM in the Central Office board room. **This is an open meeting and a great opportunity to learn what is going on in the district. Great leadership opportunity!**

**It's a great day to be a Red Devil! Have a great week Russell!**

--Sean